

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 N Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Council President Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, and Elton Marzon answered roll call. Mike Daubenspeck answered roll call via Zoom. Aaron Gurley was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING: Annexation Retention/Detention Pond - Pavey explained that this is property is behind Wal-Mart which is in the County. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jordan Industries – Dave Jordan was present. Berkemeier and Marzon toured the plant today. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley said that this morning they had the entrance conference with the SBOA for the 2020 audit.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **READI Designation** – The rough draft is completed. It is being reviewed.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The 5th of 6 concerts will take place this weekend.
- **Community Center** – This is #1 in regard to the READI grant.
- **Housing-Boulder's Schedule** – The 1st spec house is in the process.

- **Diversity & Inclusion BTW Golf Outing September 25,2021** - Marzon reminded everyone of the golf outing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson reported that Jacob Hemstead was sworn in during the Board of Works meeting. The Board of Works also accepted the resignation of Jim Wolfe.

Police – Chief Tucker said he received word from public safety medical that our last candidate did not pass the necessary testing. This will be addressed at a later time.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that the Board of Works approved the cost of the kennel fronts. She sent out the quarterly report.

Street – Assistant Superintendent Land said they have started on the sidewalk on Conrad Harcourt Way. They will also be trimming some trees that are obstructing the view.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Andrew Rice.

The ground breaking for the pergola at the CDJ Park has begun.

The equipment came in for the pickle ball court. We will pick it up this week. Someone has offered to donate the painting of the court.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Indiana READI Regional Application - Survey online** – Accelerate Rural Indiana
 - a. Draft Review of Proposal
 - b. Advisory Committee
 - c. Interlocal Agreements
2. **Annexation of Former Wal-Mart Retention Pond 1850 N Main** – We will vote on the Ordinance at the October 4th meeting.
3. **North Washington Street – Developer RFP (Russel Brown)** – The Board of Works approved the drainage plan.
4. **October Meeting Reminder Changed to 10/4/2021**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2021-20 Jordon Industries SB1**
 - a. Resolution 2021-22 Confirmatory Resolution – Berkemeier said he and Marzon met with Dave Jordan today and toured the facility. He said he has reviewed the scoring

sheet and it was either at or above the 15-point mark. Berkemeier said his main concern is the wages. He said looking at this he was not sure this is a good application to approve. Marzon said he has the same concerns as Berkemeier.

Dave Jordan said most of the employees are students and they need a place to start. This will give that opportunity. He said the more the City can help us the more we can help you.

John McCane said there will be some higher paying jobs. He said there are certain things we have to consider. The scoring sheet is accurate. The wage scale has not been a secret. McCane said you also need to consider the cost to the tax payer if these people aren't working. This is new job growth and it meets our policy. He urged Council to approve the resolution.

Daubenspeck made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22. Bridges seconded the motion. The vote was 2-2, with Berkemeier and Marzon voting "nay". Mayor Pavey broke the tie voting in favor of the resolution.

2. **Resolution 2021-24 Adding Money Back to Appropriations** –Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2021-24. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **City of Rushville Flatrock River Stream and Wetland Restoration Project** – Access to the property was approved.
4. **Park Department Partnership between Soil and Water and Park Department** – Burklow reported that they are partnering with Soil and Water to put in a prairie at Riverside Park. It will be primarily around the disc golf course. It will provide unique boundaries for holes 10-18. It will also help to beautify the area. It will be a low maintenance project. Soil and Water will fund the project. The total cost in is the \$5,000.00 range.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor Pavey said this continues to change. We have a meeting tomorrow morning. We seem to be moving in a negative direction.

CLAIMS AND JULY BANK RECONCILIATION – Bridges moved to approve the claims and the July 2021 bank reconciliation as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.